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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/717,673
Applicants: Pierre COLDEFY, et al.
Filing Date: November 21, 2003
For: AIRPORT DISPLAY METHOD INCLUDING
CHANGING ZOOM SCALES
Group Art Unit: 2676
Examiner: Manucher Rahmjoo

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Respectfully submitted,

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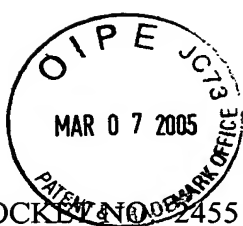
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 7, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group II, Claims 10-17, directed to an airport display method including a step of reconfiguring a zoom characteristic. Applicant makes this election based on the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the claims were examined together. In contrast, the present restriction requirement subjects the

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Applicant to the added financial burden of prosecuting Claims 1-9 and Claims 10-17 in separate proceedings. The two sets of claims 1-9 and 10-17 are both directed to a same class of invention: airport display methods. It is not clear how the two sets of claims are directed to inventions with different utilities. In particular, the statement that "invention I has separate utility such as selecting a degree of zoom" does not provide the required showing that one of the subcombinations has utility other than in the disclosed combination. See MPEP 806.05(d). It is not clear from what this utility is "separate" and how this utility is "different" than in the disclosed combination.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-17 be conducted.

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